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Ship ahoy for Dogs Trust charity music event

EVERYONE is invited to a free music event in Leigh-on-Sea.

Organisers said the show will have the best singers, bands and DJs on both floors of the Ship pub on Saturday, October 10.

It is being hosted by Southend musicians David Woodcock and Wendy Solomon from 7pm to 1am.

Music lovers can see popular acts Nathan Abbott, Howling Black Soul, David Woodcock, 4 & 20 Blackbirds, Micky Denny, Angel and the Melodyhorns, The Hillmisters, Bob Collum, Private Trouzers and New Subjects along with Podrophenia DJs.

Wendy and David said they are hosting the event to raise money

for the Southend branch of Dogs Trust.

Wendy said: "We thought we would celebrate our dog Barkley's first birthday and raise money for the charity. Lots of local businesses have donated super prizes for a raffle such as a meal for two with drinks from Oldhams Chip Shop, a massage worth £40 from Sarah Yapp Therapies, a meal for two from Sara's Tea Gardens, coffee and cake from Nook Coffee Shop and Carousel coffee shop, vouchers from Bubbles Pet Shop and Fives Records plus lots more to be confirmed."

Representatives from Dogs Trust will be there and the event is on Facebook – check out Dogtober.



WELCOME: Wendy Solomon and David Woodcock are staging a free music evening at the Ship pub in Leigh

FIRST FOR SPEED TRIAL



By Suzi Muston

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SOUTHCHURCH could be the first area in Essex to trial a 20mph traffic calming scheme on roads around schools.

The speed reduction scheme is currently being considered by Southend Council on roads where

the speeds are 30mph.

Councillor Derek Kenyon (Independent, Southchurch) is backing the scheme. He said: "We have pushed for Southchurch as Ladram Road is where Bourne's Green School is based, and is continually used as a rat-run.

"Cars hurtle through here – it's ridiculous and very dangerous.

"If this scheme is successful, it will be rolled out across the borough for the school roads."

Head teacher of Bourne Green School, Terry Cornelius, told the *YA* he fully backed a speed reduction scheme.

He said: "The safety of our children is of paramount importance and parking around the school, on

bends in the road, cause it to be hazardous at speeds of 30mph.

"The introduction of a 20mph zone would assist us in safeguarding our children and we would welcome an introduction of this speed restriction."

The scheme will be discussed at Southend Council's next meeting on October 22.

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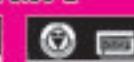
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Residents' appeal for more to join crime fight team

By Suzi Muston

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A CRIME prevention group is calling for more volunteers.

Southend's Neighbourhood Watch issued a rallying cry, insisting the more people who join the scheme, the more effective crime prevention becomes.

Essex Neighbourhood Watch liaison officer, Kevin Blake said the Prittlewell group had built a fantastic relationship with their local policing team.

He said: "The group has also built a close community spirit which was not there before."

"Residents who would have previously walked past each other in the street, now look out for each other, with a number of success stories behind them."

Mr Blake urged residents to sign up to the Essex Community Messaging (ECM).

Mr Blake said: "With less officers on our streets, please support Essex Police by signing up to Essex Community Messaging (ECM).

"Police will be able to tell you what is happening in your area, plus

receive crime prevention advice off the back of area alerts, all from the comfort of your own home - no meetings to attend."

Southend neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, Lini Kilpatrick said she finds ECM invaluable.

She said anyone who signs up can receive information by email, text or voice message.

The ECM facility can also select issues of special interest such as scams, internet crime and specify which area (ie school, work, and/or where you live).

Ms Kilpatrick said: "ECM users will also be able to be kept informed of burglaries that have happened in their area, backed up with crime prevention advice."

To sign up to ECM visit www.essex.police.uk/contact_us/essex_community_messaging.aspx

To find out more, call Mr Blake on 101, 0300 333 4444 or 07931 731105 or email kevin.blake@Essex.pnn.police.uk

To meet police teams (LCM's) and local community meetings at events called street meets, visit www.essex.police.uk (for dates and times.)



CONGRATULATIONS: Head of science, Mark O'Flaherty, head teacher Stuart Reynolds and deputy head Ray Lawrence

College wins top award for outstanding results

A SOUTHEND college has been given a prestigious award for its outstanding exam results.

Staff at Futures Community College Southchurch Boulevard received the award at London's prestigious Guildhall.

Headteacher Stuart Reynolds and staff were given the PiXL award because of the excellent GCSE results achieved by pupils this year. PiXL is

a group of about almost 1,000 schools nationwide that share good practice and training.

The school was recognised for the percentage increase in 5A*-C including English and maths.

Mr Reynolds said: "The award is testament to the hard work of teachers and students of Futures Community College in raising standards and expectations."

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● AN elderly man was left with serious injuries following a hit and run in Westcliff.

The 80-year-old was involved in a collision with a car, believed to be a silver Astra saloon in Bridgewater Drive. The driver failed to stop after the incident which happened at around 8.45am on September 23.

The man was taken to hospital with injuries to his head and arm. Contact PC Myles Hilbery at Laindon RPU on 101.

● POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a road accident involving a bus and a pedestrian.

The pedestrian, a 62-year-old woman from Shoeburyness, remains in the Royal London Hospital in a critical condition.

The collision happened shortly after 9.55am on September 14 in Chichester Road, Southend.

Pc Lance Hutchin said: "We would particularly like to speak to the person who was seen to put their bag down on the floor before assisting at the scene, and may have information that can help us with our enquiries." Contact Pc Hutchin in the Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 101 or email collision_appeal@essex.pnn.police.uk

● ARSONISTS threw a flammable liquid from a speeding car, destroying a Mercedes and a Mini Cooper in Cheddar Avenue, Westcliff.

Officers said a woman was seen throwing the liquid at the Mini from a small silver car. The Mercedes Sprinter van parked next to the Mini caught fire and both were destroyed at 11.35pm on Sunday, September 13.

PC David Ince said: "Two people were seen in a small silver car."

Call PC Ince at Southend police station on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

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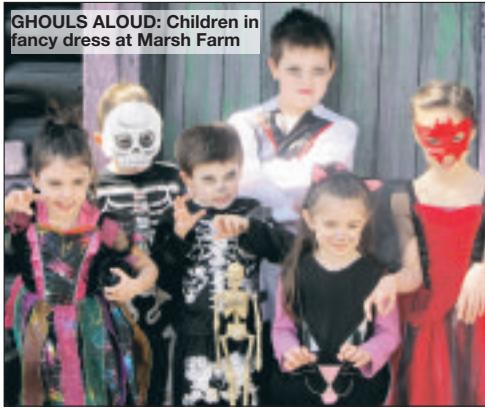
MARSH Farm's Wizards & Witches, which runs from October 24 to 31, will be offering some spooktacular fun for the whole family.

To help you keep your little monsters entertained during the half-term holiday we are giving away 10 family tickets to join in with all the fun.

Meet Cello the wizard as he searches the farm for missing potion ingredients for his trick or treat spell, enjoy some story-telling with Winifred the Witch and take part in some Halloween craft activities.

You can also meet spooky – but not scary – characters around the farm and take on the Spell-makers Challenge trail.

What's more, the education farm in South Woodham Ferrers will be adding a freaky twist to some of the farmyard favourites, so make sure you join the Monster Magic and Mayhem Show, the Spooktacular Birds of Prey Display, and Ghoulish



GHOULS ALOUD: Children in fancy dress at Marsh Farm

Championsheeps Live and "Get Freaky with the Flock" with Shaun the Sheep,

As well as all the usual fun of the farm, no Halloween would be complete without a free pumpkin for every child at the new Pumpkin Patch.

Dig up your own pumpkin at the educational activity that will help children learn about the "farm to fork" journey that food makes.

For more information and

tickets to Wizards & Witches Week, which include entry to the Pumpkin Patch and cost £11.50 on the door or £9.99 online, with free entry for the under-twos, visit www.marshfarm.co.uk.

To win one of 10 family tickets valid on any one day of Wizard & Witches Week, just answer the following question.

Q: What is the name of Marsh Farm's story-

telling witch?

- A: Winifred the Witch
- B: Wendy the Witch
- C: Wanda the Witch

To enter the competition telephone your answer – A, B or C – to (0901 307 1687) along with your name, address, telephone number and email.

Alternatively text YAWITCH (space) followed by A, B or C, and your name, full address and email to 63333.

Calls cost 50p per call plus your phone company's access charge. Calls from mobiles will cost considerably more.

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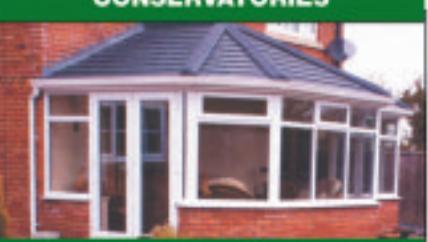
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HIGH HOPES: Rob Abrahams and Trevor Patterson with a photo of Southchurch Park Bowling Club members taken in their inaugural season in 1931

Photo by Mark Cleveland

Bowlers set sights on new clubhouse

MEMBERS of a bowling club established in 1931 are hoping to get a new clubhouse.

Southchurch Park Bowling Club has spoken to Southend Council about its hopes of bulldozing the old restroom and replacing it with a new one.

The club will be applying to Sport England for financial help towards the proposed building

financial help towards the proposed building. Club secretary Rob Abrahams said: "The club-house is looking very tired and is showing signs of age. We have been talking to the council about getting a replacement.

“It has been approved subject to budgetary regulations and planning permission.

"We will also be making an application to

Sport England for a grant.”

Southchurch Park Bowling Club holds a series of friendly matches and is represented in four leagues - The Parren, The Beharrel, Group six and the Tuesday Morning League.

In 2009, the club won the Parren Shield – the senior competition for the Southend Parks Circles League.

Southchurch Park was presented to the town in 1895 by three landowners, Messrs Baxter, Dowsett and Ingram.

The bowling club is one of many recreational areas at the park with sports and play equipment. The club welcomes new members, call 01702

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Voyeurism probe police: Do you know this man?

POLICE would like to identify the man in the CCTV image above in connection with an alleged voyeurism offence which occurred in Benfleet.

It happened sometime between 10am and 10.24am on Sunday, September 13 in Benfleet Road.

A woman, who was inside her ground floor flat at the time, was watched as she got dressed and put her make up on.

Anybody who recognises the man is asked to contact Pc Tom Clinton at Rayleigh on 101, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Harvest festival to help the homeless

By Suzi Muston

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A HARVEST festival will be held for the homeless this month.

Southend homeless charity Harp is encouraging residents part with one or more items from their cupboards for their harvest festival collection.

Gary Turner who runs Harp told the YA the food will be given to vulnerable homeless people across the borough.

He said the food will be particularly useful now as homeless charities across Southend are now starting to face extra pressure with winter on its way.

Harp boss, Gary Turner told the YA there were people sleeping in alley ways, on the cliffs and on the beaches.

He said: "We meet up and help people from all sorts of situations. "At our Bradbury Centre, in York Road, there are 18 beds for rough sleepers.

"We provide people with food, a shower and a change of clothes.

"It's not just a night shelter there is counselling for people with addictions and other problems."

The charity need food along with basic items such as toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, disposable razors and so on.

Donations can be made between 9am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday at the Bradbury Centre, 103-107 York Road, Southend-on-Sea SS1 2DL

If you want to make a financial donation to Harp, visit www.harpsouthend.org/#donate-money-to-harp/c1qn6

Family flee tent on nature reserve

A FAMILY who fled their Shoebury home because of financial difficulties has now been forced to flee the tent they called home pitched on a nature reserve.

The family of four had been living in a large tent for the last two months on Two Tree Island, Leigh On Sea.

But on Wednesday, they told the YA they had to pack up and leave the beauty spot because of "constant intrusions" from passers-by.

One worried family member who did not wish to be named said the family had "no idea where they were going to go."

Southend Council said it would work with the family in a bid to find a solution to their homeless problem.

Southend Council leader Ron Woodley said: "We were aware of a family camping out at Two Tree Island. Our



INTRUSIONS: The family were living in this tent on Two Tree Island but are now being helped by the council

and we are continuing to explore options with the other members of the family."

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Swim star Mark makes a splash for the homeless



TWO BIG EVENTS: Harp supporters will endure a sleep out for the homeless charity and will be joined by Mark Foster shaking tins

Photo by Mark Cleveland

By Suzi Muston

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SHOPPERS in Leigh Broadway may be stopped in their tracks by Olympic swimmer Mark Foster who will be raising money for the homeless.

Mark, who is from Southend, will be asking shoppers to dig deep and donate to Harp homeless charity.

Mark competed in five Olympics before retiring and had an award-winning partnership with Clare Balding broadcasting from the aquatics centre during the Olympics in 2012.

He will be shaking tins with Niqui Denekmayer and volunteers from local churches.

Niqui, who organised the event on behalf of St Helen's Church, Leigh-on-Sea, said she was thrilled Mark was helping the borough's most vulnerable.

Harp bosses said they were thrilled with the church's consistent and long-term fundraising efforts to end rough sleeping in Southend by 2018.

The collection takes place on Saturday October 10 is being held to honour world homeless day.

Niqui added: "We have volunteers



SUPPORTER: Foster carrying the Olympic torch in 2012

helping out from St Helen's church, St Peter's Catholic Church and Our Lady of Lourdes church. We will be standing on both sides of the road outside St Clement's church near the Princes Diana crossing.

"We hope to see as many people as possible and are praying for fine weather."

Harp project worker Prakesh

Shah said homelessness can be a terrifying ordeal. He told the YA that people sometimes fear they won't wake up while others are beaten and abused.

The fund-raising activity follows on from a 12 hour card board box sleep out at Southend High School for Boys in Prettlewell Chase which takes place on Friday evening.



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SUCCESS: Pupils join Helen Boyd, chair of governors, Southend Mayor Cllr Andrew Moring and head teacher Pauline Lucas to cut the ribbon to celebrate the merger

Photo by Mark Cleveland

Merging schools is top class idea

PUPILS are thriving and flourishing following the merger of an infant and a junior school in Southend.

Leigh North Street primary and juniors merged following a council policy to encourage infants and junior schools to be run from the same site.

The policy was introduced after government research showed children perform better when they are not forced to move between schools at the age of seven.

Head teacher Pauline Lucas said: "The opening of Leigh

North Street Primary School is the beginning of an exciting new journey for both pupils and staff. With continued support from governors, parents and the local community I believe the school will go from strength to strength in the future."

Cllr Anne Jones, said the merger was the right step for both schools and would benefit the community. She said: "I am delighted that the new primary school is now open.

"This project has been the right step as it will benefit the

local community that this school serves, and help to secure sustained and on-going improvement from an already strong base.

"The executive headteacher has an excellent track record and knows the children well, so is well placed to oversee the management of the pupil progress.

"She and her team have had excellent results at the separate infant and junior schools and I am confident that they will successfully lead the new primary school forward."

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FREE FILM: Movie fans at the screening of Day of the Dead last year

By Suzi Muston

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ONE of the finest, most influential, successful and scary horror films ever made – Halloween – is coming to Southend.

It will be shown on a giant pop-up cinema screen for free on Saturday, October 31 for Halloween at The Royals.

Since its original release in 1978, the film has been hailed as the ultimate stalk-and-slash movie.

The film's plot revolves around a Halloween night in 1963 when six-year-old Michael inexplicably murders his teenage sister with a large knife. Fifteen years later,

Michael escapes and returns to his hometown of Haddonfield, Illinois, looking for his next victim.

More than 200 souls will be able to see the film seated in deckchairs.

Royals shopping centre manager Dawn Jeakings said: "The 1978 chiller is not for the faint-hearted, so it's strictly over-18s only. There will be a few surprises for the audience too."

Organisers of Southend's annual film and Horror-on-Sea festivals, The White Bus, are putting on the event with the shopping centre.

Although the event is free, spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Doors open at 7.30pm and the film starts at 8pm.

Dawn added: "Halloween is a terrifically scary film in its own right but, of course, we aim to have some extra shocks in store.

"We want people to come in fancy dress and the best two costumes will win a pair of weekend passes to the Horror-On-Sea Film Festival.

"Earlier in the day there's a chance for youngsters to dress up as witches and vampires, enjoy face-painting, singing, dancing, plus arts and crafts sessions."

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Joe's a switched on apprentice...



WINNER: Joe Mander in ITV's control room

A CANVEY student has started an apprenticeship with ITN - after he saw the opportunity advertised on Facebook.

Joe Mander, a media student from South Essex College is one of just eight chosen out of 850 hopefuls, and is now involved in producing programmes enjoyed by millions on ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5.

The 18-year-old studied a creative media production television and film extended diploma and received distinctions in all subjects.

He said: "I still can't believe it, it's a dream

come true to be working for such a big company and it's great to put the skills I gained at the college to the test."

Joe often works in the ITV News studio where he learns from the floor manager, the director and sound and lighting directors.

He also spends time in the editing suites as well as filming footage on site for news stories.

Once the apprenticeship programme has finished, Joe said that he is hopeful he will be taken on full-time to continue his career in the media industry.

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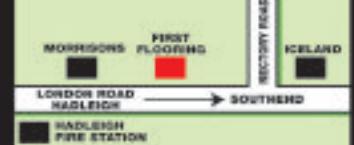
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Corbyn shows British values

JEREMY Corbyn's first Labour Party conference speech as leader has been criticised for speaking to a converted audience and not reaching out to an unbelieving nation at large in a way that will be needed to ensure the next Labour government.

Surely the language of an atheist – with a lot of time for religion because he was brought up in a religious home – of Labour's new leader using two powerful biblical analogies of "not walking by on the other side of the street" and "doing to others as you would have done to yourself" in relation to refugees and doing politics decently in general is more far-reaching than a Brighton hotel conference centre in the way of such things?

Indeed, ending his speech with a reference to Labour's first leader Keir Hardie famously summarising his own job description 100 years ago as "stirring up divine discontent against wrong" – surely clinches it.

Proof enough – for any religiously doubting Thomases – that the Labour Party's brand of socialism has always historically owed much more to Christ than to Marx and still does?

British values at their best.

John Haran
Leigh-on-Sea

Thanks for donating to Guide Dogs

ON behalf of Southend & District branch of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association I would like to thank the members of the general public who so generously donated to Guide Dogs at the flag day in High Street on Saturday, September 12.

The total raised was £1,079.42, all of which will go towards the ongoing training and support of the work of the association in providing guide dogs for the visually impaired. Thanks also to all the volunteers who so generously gave their time to enable this amount to be collected.

Anne Pressling (Secretary)
Southend & District Branch
of the Guide Dogs for the
Blind Association

Strange take on refugee issue

I READ in horror about aircraft engineer Mark Prenderville's treatment at the Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother Hospital in Margate last week.

He seems a decent young man who is loyal to his Queen and country. She would be proud of him.

Unlike these so-called refugees, mostly young men, who are quite willing to leave

their families at home to face the music alone with the excuse "to seek a better life".

I see them as cowards.

Then you read about Arash Aria, from Iran, who doesn't like it here now and wants to go home.

If he and his like are offended by the uniform of the RAF, what are they doing here?

Perhaps they should take a leaf out of Arash's book.

It's our patriotism that keeps Britain great.

Mrs M Haunts
Thundersley

Charity begins at home

I WRITE in support of Kim Gandy of Rayleigh.

Read her letter carefully as I have several times and she is completely right in all she has written.

I have also read the letter from Cllr Gavin Callaghan praising Catholic priest Fr Dominic Howarth several times and have to agree with Kim Gandy.

Fr Dominic's obsession and misguided compassion is making the situation worse. Most of us want to be generous without encouraging further flaws and without damaging our own country.

Britain is already struggling. That's why I believe David Cameron's head not heart philosophy is right. When your house is full you close the door, but if people continue to knock and shout and scream to

come in what do you do?

Terrorists are passing as refugees using other people's children to gain entry into Europe. Once they are here they will form sleeper cells, waiting to cause mayhem in the countries that take them.

Germany has closed its borders and we must close ours. I see Fr Dominic is returning to Calais. Who looks after his parishioners and the needy of his parish while he is away? Charity begins at home.

No doubt he will have his name and photo in the YA again.

The finest acts of kindness go unseen. I am a disabled pensioner but I do what I can for my brothers and sisters in need.

I don't need to travel to Calais to find the needy.

Jonathan Fieldson
Basildon

How do you prove it's a minority?

THE letter from Cllr Callaghan (YA, September 25) praising the work of the local Catholic priest in taking supplies to Calais deserves a calculated response.

He claims that it is only a

"vocal minority" objecting to the mass migration both legal and illegal into this country.

Just what is his basis for such an assertion? What polling institute has done a credible study to ascertain the views of the majority?

Judging by my study of local radio phone-ins and newspaper correspondence columns it would seem that it is the minority of people that wish to open the gates and allow untrammelled migration to this country.

He uses, as all without a valid argument will, the death of a child as a club with which to beat us. He claims that the only difference is the child was born in Syria, not Southend.

Not so, the difference is that the Syrian child had a father, who having extricated his family from a position he considered dangerous, and having lived safely in Turkey for around a year, took his family aboard a small boat to cross the

Mediterranean and died as a result of the father's actions in trying to breach border controls.

I venture to suggest that trying to put the guilt onto us, is at least disingenuous and at worst shows dishonesty typical of those on the left of politics.

He praises the Catholic priest for his actions in taking supplies to those in Calais, determined to force their wishes upon us and allow them to live in our country.

I for one see beyond the humanitarian aspect of the actions and view it as active encouragement for the illegal actions which are already disrupting legal business and commercial activities of this country.

Perhaps he and Cllr Callaghan should be reminded of the old adage: The road to hell is paved with good intentions.

Perhaps that is the message which should go to the nonentities claiming to be Basildon's political leaders.

Victor T York
Laindon

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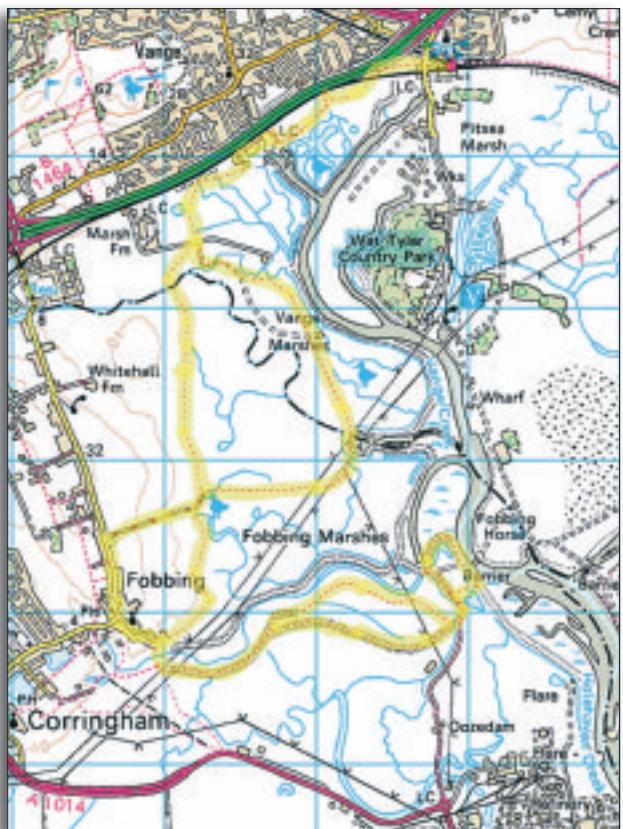
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The Phantom of Fobbing

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I can't vouch for the power of witchcraft, but admit to feeling it, having walked to a phantom waterway from Pitsea Station, on Tuesday.

Fobbing Creek was dyked and drained after the 1953 great flood claimed 58 lives at Canvey.

The tidal channel once serviced the port at the end of what is now Mr and Mrs Stubbs' sunken garden, in Wharf Road.

Hiking the seawall, spirits of a nautical past fill my head. Bullrushes bend in the waterless, windy shallows, and I imagine Thames Barges floating up creek towards St Michael's Church. Like an itch on an amputated leg, the trappings of tide, flood the subconscious of the land, helped by the fact that this is still salt marsh.

Male dragonflies – blood-red with autumn rage – flick around the sloes and hawthorn like tired, old men looking for a warm place to rest before dying. Yellow ragwort runs over the pasture that has grown thick in the silt. Brown hares and pheasants zig-zag behind mounds that were once home to crabs and bass.

Walking east from Wharf Road, the

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PLANNING A BALL: Community champions Derek Briggs, left, Sarah De Cristofano and Darren Cooper at Little Havens Hospice

Champions get ready to have a ball for hospice

COMMUNITY champions for Little Havens Hospice are gearing up for a fundraising ball.

Sarah De Cristofano, 44, from Rayleigh, Darren Cooper, from Ingatestone and Derek Briggs, from Wickford, are hospice volunteers who visit schools, organisations and businesses in Essex to talk about the care provided by the charity, share stories and attend events, but this is the first time they have organised their own event.

The Little Havens Community Ball will highlight the role the community plays in supporting the hospice, enabling it to provide care to seriously ill babies, children and teenagers.

Sarah has been a community champion since 2013. Her daughter Lili, 15, visits Little Havens for respite breaks because she has fucosidosis, a progressive, incurable illness.

"We've planned for the night to be great fun and are sure all our guests will be looking glam. The ball is taking place at a lovely venue, with live entertainment and great music so we'll all be dancing the night away," Sarah added.

Darren started volunteering in 2013 after his son, Louis, 10, was cared for there in 2006 before he died.

He organises his own events including charity golf days, and said: "We're all very excited to have pooled resources to organise what we hope will be a brilliant event in support of Little Havens."

The ball is at Pontlands Park Country Hotel, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 17, from 6pm to midnight, with dinner at 7pm.

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THANK YOU: Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh with officers and members of the public who received their awards

HEROIC officers and members of the public have been recognised for their bravery at an awards ceremony where Essex Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh presented commendations.

PCSO Brett Fleming and PC Richard Barker saved a man's life in Finchingfield, near Braintree. The officers, part of the Tour de France policing operation, saw a collapsed man by the road and gave him CPR until paramedics arrived.

The man they resuscitated, Dr Hildrey, watched with his wife as the officers received their awards.

Detective Sergeant Danny Walker was commended for his work on a money-laundering investigation that resulted in two people receiving sentences totalling eight years.

Sgt Hayley Rook, PC Lea Keene, PCSO Sarah Hardy and PC Cassandra Shilling were recognised for their action, dedication and professionalism helping to save the life of a man in Maldon.

They were helped by Mark Craven and Debbie Dale.

PC Alan Conran was recognised for his efforts to resuscitate a five-month-old baby who had suffered a cardiac arrest.

PCSO Allan Barley was commended for his commitment, dedication and professionalism bringing a man to safety from the River Wid.

He remained with the man, providing support

and reassurance until paramedics arrived.

Detective Chief Inspector Simon Werrett and Detective Sergeant Shirley Cole were praised for their involvement in a child exploitation investigation that resulted in two men receiving substantial sentences.

Sgt Arin Andrews, PC Matt Noone and PC Alison Baker were commended for their bravery dealing with a distressed man with a rifle. The man was arrested and no one was hurt.

Detective Constables Paula Bradley, Jo Mangham and Dave Brooks received commendations for their role in an investigation, which led to the conviction of a dangerous sex offender.

PC Jasmin Keable was off-duty when she gave CPR to a woman who had stopped breathing until paramedics arrived. Sadly, the woman died.

Dean Cook was presented with the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society award for his part in a rescue off Blackpool. Mr Cook, from Canvey, was on the beach when he saw a woman struggling in the water. He dived into the sea and brought her to safety. Mr Cook learnt of his award after an appeal to find him by police.

Mr Kavanagh said: "Leadership, courage and decency is not measured by rank – it's measured by what these remarkable men and women have done here today."

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Peer set to fight allegations of expenses fraud

By Charles Thomson

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LORD HANNINGFIELD will be charged with false accounting, over allegations he visited the House of Lords for short periods of time in order to claim a daily allowance.

The former Essex County Council leader, 75, has been summonsed to appear at Westminster Magistrates' Court later this month.

He will face one charge, which alleges he claimed an allowance on 11 days in July 2013 when he should not have done.

The charge states: "Paul Edward Winston White, aka Lord Hanningfield, on or about 30th July 2013, in furnishing information for the purpose of making a daily allowance claim dishonestly and with a view to gain for himself or with intent to cause loss to another, produced or made use of a document required for an accounting purpose, namely a daily allowance and/or travel expenses claim form used by the House of Lords finance department to determine allowances and expenses due to him, which to his knowledge was or may have been misleading, false or deceptive in a material particular, in that it purported to show that he was entitled to be paid a daily allowance... when the conditions entitling him to such payments had not been fulfilled."

A CPS spokesman said: "The CPS has issued a written



CLAIMS: Lord Hanningfield pictured on the terrace of the House of Lords in July 2013

charge and requisition to Paul White, known as Lord Hanningfield, with one charge of false accounting in relation to claims for daily allowance at the House of Lords."

Lord Hanningfield's solicitor Daniel Godden, of the Hodge,

Jones and Allen legal practice, said: "We will be fighting this charge all the way. My client is very disappointed that the CPS is pursuing any offence in respect of his claims for expenses. We will fight to have our client acquitted."

Concert pianist's recital

CONCERT pianist Niel du Preez will give a 45-minute recital in Southend on Wednesday.

The free performance starts at 12.15pm in the council chamber at Southend Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue.

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ON PARADE: The youngsters outside the church, Connor Moss wears the robe of the Archdeaconess and youngsters at the service, below



SCOUTS, Cubs and Beavers from the 4th Rochford troop, with their leaders, took donations of food to the annual harvest festival service at St Andrews a the weekend.

The youngster assembled for the annual parade in the grounds of the church bearing traditional donations of food, tins jars, and fresh produce.

The Venerable Minister, Lyn Smeem, an Archdeaconess of Southend, conducted the service.

And she even chose one of the Rochford scouts, Connor Moss, to wear her beautiful robe and parade it through the church, as he was tall enough to show it off to its full effect.

"It was an enjoyable service and the troop enjoyed the occasion," said helper Lyn Smeem.

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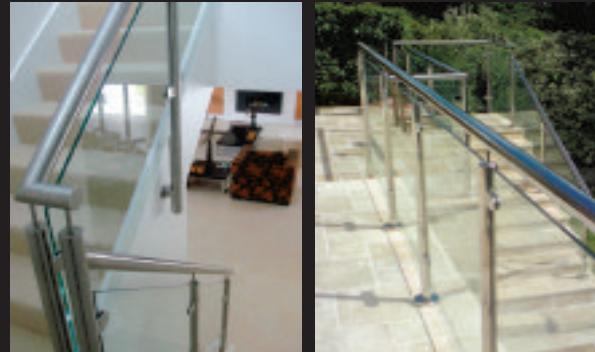
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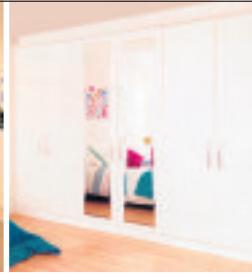


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What's on and what's coming

COCKNEY REBELS WITH A CAUSE



By LIZ WADE

THE Best Years of Our Lives 40th anniversary tour will see original Cockney Rebel leader, Steve Harley, reuniting with other surviving band members from that seminal album.

The tour, which kicks off in Manchester on November 2 and includes an appearance at Southend's Palace Theatre on Thursday, November 5, will see Jim Cregan, Stuart Elliott and Duncan Mackay playing together with Harley for the first time since 1976.

Released in March 1975, the album contained the monster hits Make Me Smile (Come Up And See Me) and Mr. Raffles (Man, It Was Mean) and for many marked the true arrival of Harley as a songwriter of true verve and sophistication.

Harley said: "The three guys are still my mates. The fun we had back then, when we toured and recorded together, holds fabulous and special memories. I take life on the road a lot more seriously now, though, so they'd better be prepared.

"I'm thrilled to think they'll be up there on the great UK concert hall stages with me once again."

Guitarist Cregan, who left Harley's band to join Rod Stewart, and still writes songs with Stewart today with Brighton Beach being a recent Cregan/Stewart release. Elliott has played with Kate Bush, Paul McCartney and Al



HE'S A REBEL: Steve Harley is back on the road with Cockney Rebel

Stewart and has long been considered one of London's most sought-after session drummers. Keyboard player, Mackay, left Harley to join 10CC and has since continued his musical career in Cape Town, South Africa.

They will be joined by long-standing Cockney Rebel member Barry Wickens on violin and guitar, as well as young Austrian musicians, twins Lisa and Mona Wagner. As well as playing second lead guitar and percussion respectively, the MonaLisa Twins will also have their own spot during the concert, performing some of their own songs.

The shows will comprise two sets. One will be The Best Years Of Our Lives album in its entirety, for the first time ever, including a few B-sides and out-takes of the period. The shows' opening

set will be comprised of tracks chosen by a fans' poll, via Harley's website and social media.

Over at Southend's Cliffs Pavilion this week there will be a chance to see Champions of Rock, the supreme Queen and Meat Loaf tribute show that is rocking the nation.

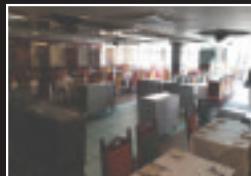
The critically-acclaimed stage show, which will be at the theatre on Friday, October 9, celebrates the two legendary artists with live performances.

Forty years ago Freddie Mercury and his band Queen had been gigging at relatively obscure venues like the Paddocks in Canvey Island – a far cry from the release of a number one single, Bohemian Rhapsody, that was about to turn them into a supergroup.

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FREDDIE: Champions of Rock features Queen and Meat Loaf tribute acts

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film review

Blunt at the sharp end

HEART: Emily Blunt
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SICARIO (15, 121 mins)

FRENCH-Canadian film-maker Denis Villeneuve made an impressive English language debut in 2013 with the nihilistic thriller *Prisoners*.

Before he takes charge of the sequel to *Blade Runner*, the talented director dazzles with this edge-of-seat assault on unbiten nails, glimpsing America's war on drugs through the eyes of a ballyhoo FBI agent, who is naive about the full extent of her government's covert activities.

Sicario, which translates as hitman in Spanish, is tautly paced and expertly scripted by Taylor Sheridan, who sides-steps glib solutions to a complex global epidemic.

Instead, he skilfully weaves together sinewy subplots involving morally flawed characters on both sides of the Mexican border, building up a richly detailed picture of the blurred lines between authorities and the traffickers.

Desperation drips like rivulets of sweat from every expertly crafted frame and Villeneuve heightens our discomfort with thrillingly orchestrated action set pieces, including a mesmerising finale that exposes sins under the

cover of darkness using night vision and thermal imaging cameras.

At the blackened heart of the film is a tour-de-force performance from British actress Emily Blunt, whose steely-nerved heroine might have to sacrifice more than her idealism in the crucible of machismo and political double-dealing.

She plays Kate Macer, part of the FBI's Special Weapons and Tactics team, who are at the forefront of the war against drugs on American soil.

Flanked by her partner Reggie Wayne (Daniel Kaluuya), Kate storms a safe house and uncovers dozens of rotting corpses.

Soon after, a government agent named Matt Graver (Josh Brolin) asks Kate to join his top-secret task force, which intends to cripple the cartel fronted by Rafael (Raoul Trujillo) from the top down.

Haunted by the loss of men under her command, Kate willingly signs up and she heads to El Paso for her briefing, where she learns that she will be venturing onto Mexican soil.

"What's our objective?" asks Kate.

"To dramatically overreact," tartly replies Matt.

A Colombian former prosecutor (Benicio Del Toro) with a personal vendetta joins the task force.

Bullets fly and Kate's conscience is spattered in blood as she witnesses first-hand shocking brutality in violation of the laws she vowed to uphold.

Sicario gradually tightens the screws on frayed nerves, reaching a crescendo with the extraction of an informant from Ciudad Juarez.

"Keep an eye out for the state police. They're not always the good guys," one of the characters tells Kate, stoking her paranoia and ours.

Blunt is terrific in a physically and emotionally demanding role, clashing with Brolin's cold and pragmatic leader, who believes the means always justify an end that is favourable to US interests.

Johann Johannsson's atmospheric soundtrack pants and growls like a caged beast, creating a furious tempo that Villeneuve matches with flourishes of directorial brio.

Released: October 8
RATING: 8.5/10

Stage

Champions rule the Palace

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In 1975 the ground-breaking record hurtled to the top of the UK singles charts, enjoying 14 weeks at number one and going triple platinum in the UK and quadruple platinum in the USA.

Champions of Rock celebrates the song's 40th anniversary with an extra special concert show that recreates the time when Queen reigned supreme.

As well as including Queen hit singles such as *We Are The Champions*, *We Will Rock You*, *A Kind of Magic*, *Crazy Little Thing Called Love*, *I Want to Break Free*, *Somebody to Love*, *Another One Bites the Dust* and, of course, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, the show also features the UK's number one *Meat Loaf* revue.

Special guest Terry Nash adds to the stage spectacle with breath-taking performances of *Bat Out of Hell*, *Dead Ringer* For

Love and I'd Do Anything For Love (But I Won't Do That).

Show promoter Michael Taylor, of Hadleigh-based Easy Theatres, says that *Bohemian Rhapsody* will climax an evening of hit songs from two legendary artists celebrated for their live performances.

"It will be an unforgettable night that superbly recreates the fun, musicianship and showmanship of Queen's famed live performances," he says.

"It's a chance to join the ultimate musical journey through the decades."

■ For further information and ticket details about Steve Harley and Cockney Rebel's Best Years of Our Lives 40th anniversary show at Palace Theatre on Thursday, November 5 or *Champions of Rock* on Friday, October 9, call the box office on 01702 351135 or visit www.southendtheatres.org.uk.

Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about



Museum keeps airport's legacy alive

STEP into a former aircraft hanger in Kent and discover a fantastic collection of artefacts and photos helping to keep the history of RAF Manston alive.

While the deceiving exterior of RAF Manston History Museum in Ramsgate may have you thinking you will be in and out quite quickly, its collection is in fact astonishing.

The museum is, frankly, a Tardis containing everything about the airfield's history, from its early days in the First World War up to its time as an international airport whisking those first package holidaymakers off to sunnier climes.

Wander along its corridors and landings and take in every space that has been filled with photos, memorabilia and artefacts.

Gaze, read and soak up the information surrounding you and you can easily see a couple of hours pass by, all for just £2 entry.

From those who fought in the Battle of Britain, to those who worked at the airfield, everyone associated with RAF Manston is remembered at the museum, which is a credit to the volunteers that run it. But the museum does not just look at events that have taken place at the airfield, it also looks at how the area of Thanet

was affected by the war, particularly from the air. With mock-up scenarios of how residents lived during the war, from a kitchen scene to the reference to the wartime Pig Club that would have supplemented the rationing of meat, it's a great place for children to get an insight to life at the time.

During the First World War aircraft used the open farmland of Manston as a site for emergency landings, and it was firmly on the front line from September 1939 and the outbreak of the Second World War. During the Battle of Britain the airfield was heavily bombed and littered with unexploded bombs.

During the Cold War in the 1950s Manston was used by the United States Air Force as a base for fighter and fighter-bomber units and became a joint civilian and RAF airport from 1960.

The museum's collection includes a DHC Chipmunk, an English Electric Lightning, a Sepecat Jaguar, a Buccaneer, a Wessex search and rescue helicopter, and a replica military truck used in the film Warhorse.

While a visit to RAF Manston



COLLECTION: Aircraft on display at RAF Manston History Museum

History Museum is well worth the drive in itself, just across its car park is an added bonus – the Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museum.

This museum, which is free to enter but welcomes donations, houses two iconic RAF planes of the Second World War.

Its Supermarine Spitfire MK XVI, one of the few surviving Spitfires

with a wartime record, and a Hawker Hurricane IIC, one of only two surviving gate-guards in the country having previously stood outside RAF Bentley Priory for nearly 30 years. Both planes are surrounded by artefacts from the war, including the possessions, uniforms and stories of the airmen who fought in them.

Alongside all this you can relax in

the Merlin Café or on seating outside and take in views of Manston airfield, looking across towards the control tower and its motionless radar installations.

For further information about RAF Manston History Museum visit www.rafmanston.co.uk and for more about the Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museum visit www.spitfiremuseum.org.uk.

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Saturday, October 10

- Coffee Morning – Thundersley Methodist Church, Kennington Avenue, Benfleet, SS7 4BS. 10am to noon.
- The Elephant Man by Bernard Pomerance – Cast & Crew Theatre Workshop, Cornelius Vermuyden School, Dian Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9QS, 2.45pm and 7.45pm, £7 (£5 concessions). To book call 07544 273535.
- Jumble Sale – South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay, CM1 2PR, Admission 20p, 10am to noon, proceeds to Grenfell Preschool grenfelli@preschool@hotmail.com or ring 07806 688769.
- Basildon Saturday Club – For people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Fryup Hall, The Fryup, Basildon. 01268 415409.
- Club 50+ – Southend – 9.30am-3.30pm daily, activities, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm, 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club – The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures, 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome, 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.

Sunday, October 11

- Jazz workshop – Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).
- South East Essex Ramblers – Five-mile walk, Hockley, meet 10am at Hockley Woods car park, SS5 4RN. Details Peter 01792 206424.
- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz – Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 12.30pm. 01702 345247.
- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides – by Tidmarsh Sports Centre, Somnes Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA. 10.30am-4pm, adults and children £1 each a ride, weather permitting. 07950 659596.
- Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – 10am to noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon. 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Klin Road, Thundersley, (children aged three to 12), Bible stories, craft, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, open to all, details Mo 07757 658799.

Monday, October 12

- Hadleigh Townswomen invites all ladies to their Birthday party, Hadleigh Baptist Church Hall, Falbro Crescent, SS7 2SE. 1.30 pm, Live entertainment. Details Mary 01268 759879.
- Coffee Morning – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon. All welcome.
- Club 50+ – 1B Queens Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents in Craylands and Felmores area, Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee, cake and creche. Call Dawn 07880

035968, or turn up.

- Dance class – usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm. All standards, Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.

■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am to noon, tai chi: whilst 9.45am-12.30pm, 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.

■ Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.

■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryerns Community Centre, details Pat 01268 770294.

■ Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Badminton and table tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 inc refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.

■ Activity Session for adults with special needs – 10am to noon, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.

■ Duplicate Bridge – Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call Vernon 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.

■ Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.

■ Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.

■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff Levy 07913 426371 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk.

■ Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.

■ Beginners Computer Course – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.

■ Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh – welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 924333.

■ Short Mat Bowls – in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.

■ Indoor Short Mat Bowls – Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, details

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Ray 01268 777666.

■ Indoor Bowls – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mon 2-4pm, Tues 2.15-4.45pm, Wed 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Whist – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.

■ Senior Citizens Club – Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.

■ Pensioners stall – York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.

■ Evening of clairvoyance – Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors 7.30pm, £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691292.

■ Healing – in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call 07966 353564 for an appointment.

■ Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8.90-10.30pm, details 07879 004744.

■ Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.

■ Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, call 01268 727915.

Tuesday, October 13

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

■ Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group – call 01702 345156 or 343121.

■ Anchor Folk Club – Brooke Williams, 7-9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.

■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus, 07961 314983.

■ Social Dance Class – with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.

■ Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.

■ Weekly Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.

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 ■ Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
 ■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, Anne 01702 556470.
 ■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm, 01702 715111.
 ■ Tea Dance – Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm, 01702 548575.
 ■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.
 ■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, come along or call 01702 551470.
 ■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm, 01702 610050/466827.
 ■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Frysers Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.
 ■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2 enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
 ■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.
 ■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, ages 50-plus, 8pm, 07970 432994.
 ■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
 ■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.
 ■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems, 01702 258661.
 ■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.
 ■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John

Clarke 01268 570575.
 ■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
 ■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.
 ■ Little Lancers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
 ■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all, 01268 498642.
 ■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to five years, 01702 577656.

Wednesday, October 14

■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club: Jazz At The Movies – Joanna Eden & Chris Ingham Quartet, 8pm, The Chichester Rawreth SS11 8UE. Tel: 07850 607075.
 ■ South East Essex Ramblers – 10.5-mile walk Brooks Nature Reserve to Stisted, meet 9am, Rayleigh, SS11 8SN. Details Dave 07963 330572, five-mile walk Westcliff-on-Sea and seafront, meet 10am, car park corner of London Road and Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff, SS9 5BA, details Rod 01702 354375.
 ■ Sculpture, Stone Carving & Lettering – Traditional tools and professional tuition, 8-10pm, Studio Workshop, West Road, Shoeburyness, Jim Davis 01702 292867.
 ■ Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.
 ■ Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm, £6 per session. Details Linda 01702 552260.
 ■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.
 ■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
 ■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm. Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.
 ■ Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh.

www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.
 ■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.
 ■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet, Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities, 2-4.25pm, free car park, strictly over-18s, £4 per person, 01268 752473.

■ Tuesday Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm, 01702 553622.
 ■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details Olive 01702 625069.

■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardeners Close, Basildon, all-weather green, free coaching given, call Chris 01268 419831.

■ Breathing Exercise Group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1.20-3pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation, call Honore 01268 574930.

■ Social dancing and Latin dancing – Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob, 01702 544112.

■ Health Walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.

■ Alanion, International/Worldwide Support Group – for families/friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, (non-denominational).

■ Pulse Drum Club – St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session, 01702 540111.

■ Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 inc use of equipment, 01268 773100.

■ Activity sessions – The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs, aged five to 18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.

■ Palace Writers Group – 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings, details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, details Gill 01702 421737.

■ Advanced Computer Course – Pitsea Day

Centre over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am, 01268 465432.
 ■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

Thursday, October 15

■ Knit & Natter – St Clement's Church, The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-12.30pm.
 ■ Waking Spiritual Centre – Memorial Hall, High St, SS3 0EF, 8pm, 01702 476087 or 07967 578871.

■ Ferndale WI – Ferndale Community Hall, North Avenue, SS2 4ET, 2pm.

■ Alzheimer's Society activity group – To book, call 01702 345156 or 343121.

■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Thundersley Gardening Association – 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, £3.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Line Dancing: 1-2pm, computer: £3, 1-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge: 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics: 1.30-3pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Health Walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods car park, details 01702 318121.

■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner, 07771 831507.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.

■ Westcliff National Spiritualist Church – Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, mediums demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.

■ Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.

■ Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Stalls in outpatients dept – next to postbox, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, handknits etc, 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.

■ Tea Dance – St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm, 01268 770112.

■ Ceramics – The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

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BREATHTAKING scenery, panoramic views and stunning valleys awaited us as we embarked on a Fjordland cruise on the magnificent Magellan.

The flagship of Cruise & Maritime Voyages, which joined its fleet earlier this year, set off from its home port, London Tilbury, for a six-night voyage to Norway on August 28.

After settling into our spacious and relaxing cabin on the adult-only vessel it was time to explore what Magellan had to offer, and we were in for a treat.

At 46,052 tonnes and a capacity for 1,250 people she offers passengers everything they could possibly want or need.

With both open air and lounge bars, panoramic windows for scenic cruising, a multi-tiered show lounge offering lively entertainment, a cabaret room with live music and comedy, a jazz bar, its own night-club and casino, two pools and three hot tubs, a well-equipped gym and The Jade Wellness Centre offering pampering spa treatments in a luxurious setting, we were spoilt for choice during our cruise.

After pre-dinner drinks in Sinatra's Lounge Bar, it was time to enjoy our first meal aboard the Magellan in its stylish Kensington Restaurant, where we were treated to a choice of outstanding dishes including pan-fried sea bream, stuffed chicken

breast and pork escalope, accompanied by a recommended wine list.

As well as the Kensington, Magellan also has the Waldorf Restaurant, with equally mouth-watering cuisine, and The Lido Grill which has buffet meals and transforms into the Seaview Bistro at night.

By Sunday – day three of our cruise – we arrived at Eidfjord to absorb the breathtaking scenery of the Hardangerfjord, the fourth longest fjord in the world and the second longest in Norway.

While this was an awe-inspiring sight, a visit to the Fossli Hotel to view the Vøringsfoss waterfall – the most famous and spectacular in Norway – later in the day, added to a journey we will never forget.

That evening Magellan set sail for Flåm and by morning we pulled on comfortable walking shoes and waterproof jackets to climb aboard the famous Flåm Railway, which attracts people from all corners of the world.

The railway, which passes through tunnels and climbs to a height of 2,660ft, is one of Norway's major and most spectacular tourist attractions and it was easy to see why.

Situated between towering mountains it offered outstanding views down the steep-sided Flåm Valley.

By day five of our cruise we had arrived in Bergen which, according to Disney, was one of the inspirations behind the hit film Frozen.

It was easy to see why the film

based its town "Arendelle" on the beautiful, colourful and charming city which is surrounded by seven hills and seven fjords.

We were introduced to Bergen with a tour past the old part of Bryggen and the harbour, before boarding the funicular and travelling to the top of Mount Fløyen where we were met with spectacular views of the city and of Magellan alongside the pier below.

Having seen so many wonders of Norway it was time to set sail on our journey back to Tilbury, which included a full, relaxing and enjoyable day at sea before arriving back on the Essex coast.

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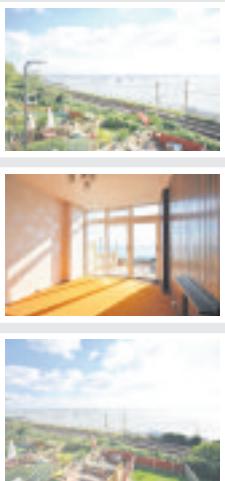
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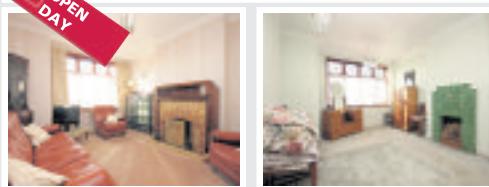
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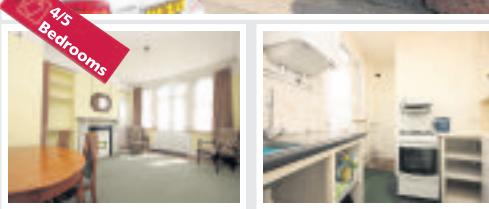
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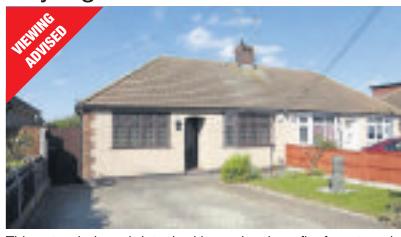


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Westcliff on Sea £274,995

2 bed semi bungalow located in a very sought after position close to Southend Hospital. Upvc double glazing, a Upvc double glazed storm porch to the front and a conservatory to the rear the property also has a large fitted kitchen/breakfast room, a lounge, a modern shower room, Gas central heating and off road parking.



Westcliff on Sea £325,000

An extended three bedroom plus loft room character house within easy access to the A127 and Earls Hall School. The property benefits from off road parking and a GARAGE, Upvc double glazing, a large modern fitted Kitchen/diner, a good size rear garden, a spacious hallway and a spacious bathroom, gas central heating.



Southend on Sea £325,000

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Rochford £289,995

A red carpeted 3 bed detached house located in a convenient location close to Southend airport and railway station. Benefits from extended accommodation to include en suite to master bedroom, 9'1 cloakroom, 2 good sized bedrooms and being sold with no onward chain.



Rayleigh £280,000

GUIDE PRICE £280,000 TO £300,000 3 bed semi bungalow situated in a semi rural location. 120ft rear garden with various outbuildings and stables, to the front is off road parking with views over grazing land. 2 good size bedrooms, 20ft lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, lean-to conservatory, bathroom and separate WC.



Southend on Sea £895 pcm

Call for viewings. A three bedroom terraced house, located in a convenient location, close to Southend east railway station. The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, modern fitted kitchen. Available from the 26th November 2015. No heating benefit.



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HOT PROPERTY IN LEIGH, CHALKWELL & WESTCLIFF



Westcliff-On-Sea £380,000

Ashleigh Stone are pleased to offer this four bedroom fantastic semi detached property ideally located for St Thomas More High School and the Westcliff Grammar Schools. The property itself offers two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility room and cloakroom on the ground floor, with three bedrooms and the bathroom on the first floor and the fourth bedroom on the second floor. The property also offers off street parking and a garage via the double gates at the side of the property. Offered with no onward chain.

Leigh-On-Sea

£350,000

Ashleigh Stone sold this properties within 24 hours more properties needed. Ashleigh Stone are thrilled to offer this three bedroom semi detached family house located on the Highlands Estate, the property comes with its own garage, conservatory and loft room. The house also benefits from an en suite shower room to the master bedroom and a contemporary family bathroom. Call now to view.



Leigh-On-Sea

£195,000

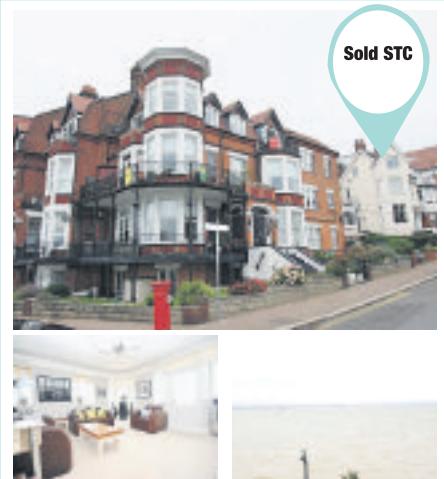
Ashleigh Stone sold this property within 48 hours more properties needed. Ashleigh Stone are pleased to offer this two bedroom end of terraced home, which whilst does need modernising is clean and tidy and you can do the work in your own time. The property comprises hall, lounge and kitchen on the ground floor with two double bedrooms and a modern shower room on the first floor. No onward chain and keys held for viewings.



Leigh-On-Sea

£850pcm

Ashleigh Stone lettings are delighted to offer this fantastic two bedroom first floor flat located south of the Broadway so ideally located for the station and the Broadway with all bars, cafes and shops. Working tenants only. No smokers. No pets. Available mid November.



The Leas £500,000

On the market with another agent since February, Ashleigh Stone sold it with four weeks. More properties urgently wanted. Ashleigh Stone are thrilled to offer this exceptional three bedroom top floor flat with stunning views of the Estuary. The flat is part of a beautiful character building and has two balcony's to enjoy the views. The flat is presented extremely well and must be viewed. It also comes with a share of the freehold and parking.

Leigh-On-Sea £350,000

Sold within 24hours above the asking price. More properties needed. Ashleigh Stone are thrilled to offer this fantastic two double bedroom cottage located in the conservation area. The property comes with sea views from most rooms and the garden and is ideally located for the station, Broadway, old town and beach. The property has been greatly improved providing the benefits of modern living whilst retaining much of the original character.

Leigh-On-Sea

£1,400pcm

This modern four bedroom semi detached family home is located South of the London Road, within West Leigh Schools catchment. The property comprises lounge, which opens onto the kitchen and cloakroom on the ground floor, three bedrooms, family bathroom and en-suite shower room to the master bedroom on the first floor and a double bedroom on the second floor. Also with its own garage, off street parking a West facing rear garden.



Leigh-On-Sea

£800pcm

We are delighted to offer this two double bedroom first floor flat ideally located in the heart of Leigh on Sea, close to the Broadway with all its shops, cafes and bars. Available end of October 2015.



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Southend On Sea £91,995

One bedroom second floor retirement flat situated within a sought after complex within Southend. The apartment offers attractive communal lounge and kitchen with laundry room, hairdressers and part time on site house manager. The apartment has been newly decorated throughout and offers vacant possession.

Southend On Sea £490 pcm

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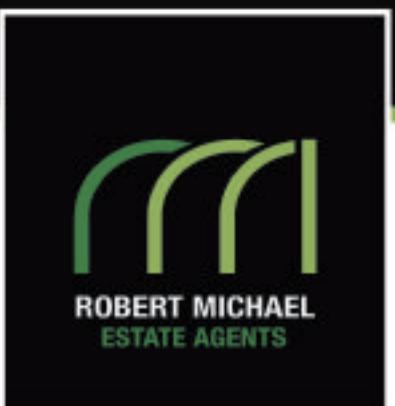
THUNDERSLEY
Two bedroom first floor flat situated in the heart of Thundersley village, modern fitted kitchen & bathroom, gas heating (n/t) and double glazing.



THUNDERSLEY
Located within easy reach of Thundersley Village amenities and local schools this family home offers 3 good size bedrooms, 18'7 lounge, modern fitted kitchen, 4 piece bathroom suite and ground floor cloakroom. The property also has gas heating (n/t), double glazing and a larger than average garden.



HADLEIGH
Semi-detached two bedroom, two reception bungalow situated within easy reach of Hadleigh Town Centre. The property is in need of general updating but offers double glazing, gas heating (n/t), off street parking and approx 85ft rear garden.



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THUNDERSLEY £285,995

Deceptive semi detached bungalow occupying a bold corner plot offering 3 bedrooms, lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, shower room, conservatory/utility room, double glazing and gas heating. Externally there are garden areas to the side and rear along with driveway and workshop/garage

DAWS HEATH £374,950

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THUNDERSLEY £299,995

Offering no onward chain this detached chalet style residence is located within easy reach of Thundersley Village amenities and has 3 bedrooms, 16' lounge, separate dining room, 11'7 kitchen and bathroom with separate w.c. Externally there is a secluded rear garden with detached garage/workshop.

THUNDERSLEY £1,100 pcm

A family home occupying a corner plot in a cul-de-sac position within easy reach of the facilities at Thundersley village and local schools. The property offers three good size bedrooms, 18'9 lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen, & ground floor cloakroom.

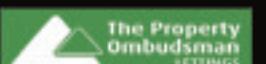
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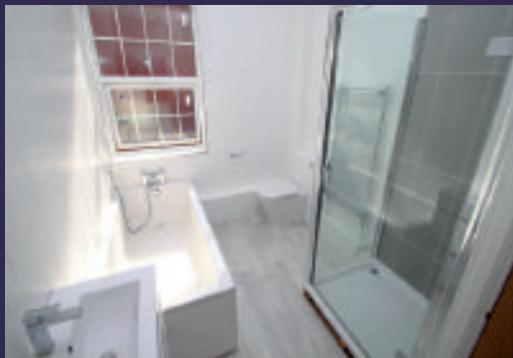
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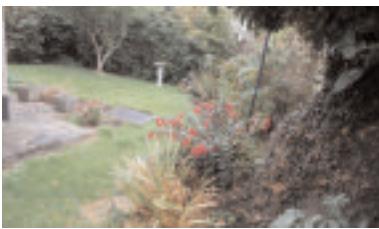
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RAYLEIGH £279,995

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HAWKWELL £725,000

This unique contemporary and homely 5 bed detached home is currently being built to the usual Hilton Homes high specification. The property is situated close to local amenities on a plot measuring 41' x 173' with a 41' x 101' lawned south facing garden.



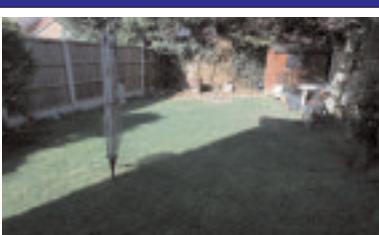
RAYLEIGH £349,995

A rare opportunity to purchase this TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW situated along one of Rayleigh's premier turnings, just moments from Town and Station. The deceptively spacious accommodation includes a recently refitted shower room, good size lounge/diner and NO ONWARD CHAIN.



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HULLBRIDGE £259,995

We are delighted to offer for sale this deceptively spacious THREE BEDROOM semi detached home set within this highly sought after village location. Features include a secluded rear garden, large modern kitchen opening out onto a dining room and NO ONWARD CHAIN! Viewing is essential.



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Close to beach and walking distance of station £269,995

Three double bedroom town house style family home just a few hundred from the BEACH and walking distance of Southchurch Park and Southend East STATION. En suite shower room and dressing room to master bedroom, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, double glazing, gas c/h, family bathroom, garage and parking space. Ref etl5369



Westcliff on sea £295,000

Beautifully maintained three bedroom semi-detached house situated in a sought after location within easy reach of Southend Hospital and local High Schools. This family home benefits from two reception rooms plus a spacious conservatory/utility room, fitted kitchen, gas c.h., double glazing, good size rear garden, garage and off street parking. Early viewing is strongly advised. Ref etl5365

Leigh-on-sea, Guide price £299,995

Available with no onward chain this three bedroom semi detached chalet style family home occupies a large plot with 100' approx garden, a secondary garden and a large detached garage. The accommodation includes a superb 19'6 x 15' open plan kitchen/diner, spacious lounge with feature usable cast iron fireplace, bathroom and separate w.c., gas c/h, d/glazing, three double bedrooms, fabulous garden. Ref etl4286

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Leigh-on-sea £520,000

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Q. Why do property transactions still take so long to complete?

A. Actually, the good news is that this year average transaction times have started to come down again from the levels they reached during the years immediately following the property crash. Nevertheless, it may seem odd that in these days of the internet, transactions are still taking something in the region of 8-9 weeks to complete – particularly since, once a sale has been put in hand, you would have thought it would be in everyone's interests to progress things as quickly as possible, while all parties are totally focused on the outcome. Basically, the longer things take, the greater the danger of something going wrong, or someone just changing their mind. And speaking as an estate agent, there is nothing more frustrating than watching while a sale that you have worked hard to put together just drags on and on – or worst of all, collapses altogether.

And that, I suppose, is the nub of the issue – because as a general rule, most of the delays afflicting property transactions happen once a sale has actually been agreed!

As usual, it's a combination of things –

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although they tend to have their roots in the aftermath of the property crash. So, for example, there are actually fewer practising conveyancers around these days. Moreover, those conveyancers that remain are often so concerned about the risk of litigation that issues which a few years ago would have been more or less waved through are now being gone through with the very finest of tooth combs. The same is true of mortgage offers. The relative shortage of surveyors mean that it can now take significantly longer for a lender to arrange a valuation. Add to that the extreme cautiousness towards lending brought about in the wake of the Mortgage Market Review, and the net result is that it can now take several weeks to get a mortgage offer. One more thing. Local Authority searches are taking longer due to cut backs with fewer staff struggling with more searches now that the market is recovering. These potential delays can be short circuited by instructing your solicitor to apply well in advance. This may mean paying upfront, but a few hundred pounds invested early could save many thousands more in wasted fees if the transaction would otherwise fail or be delayed – not to mention the stress and potential heartache.

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Motoring

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By Ian Johnson

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In fact it offers a degree of the qualities of a SUV without the usually massive expense and size.

The Celerio is a compact crossover and its initial 1.0 three-cylinder petrol engine is now joined by a Dualjet version of the same engine, which returns a staggering combined economy figure of 78.4mpg and a very low CO2 figure of 84g/km.

This version costs £8,499 and is very well equipped with six airbags and ESP fitted as standard safety equipment for both UK models.

Strong residual values of 39 per cent at three years/60,000 miles are forecast by Glass's Guide this month.

On the road this version may not be the fastest set of wheels in the garage, but its top speed of 96mph and 0-62mph sprint should be enough to satisfy the customer who has an eye to economy as well as performance.

And the fact that the fuel gauge does not



GLOBAL CITY CAR: Suzuki Celerio 1.0 SZ3 Dualjet

seem to want to move is a major plus point too.

In everyday driving I was getting at least 69mpg which was impressive to say the least.

It is surprisingly comfortable with an elevated driving position that takes much stress out of long trips.

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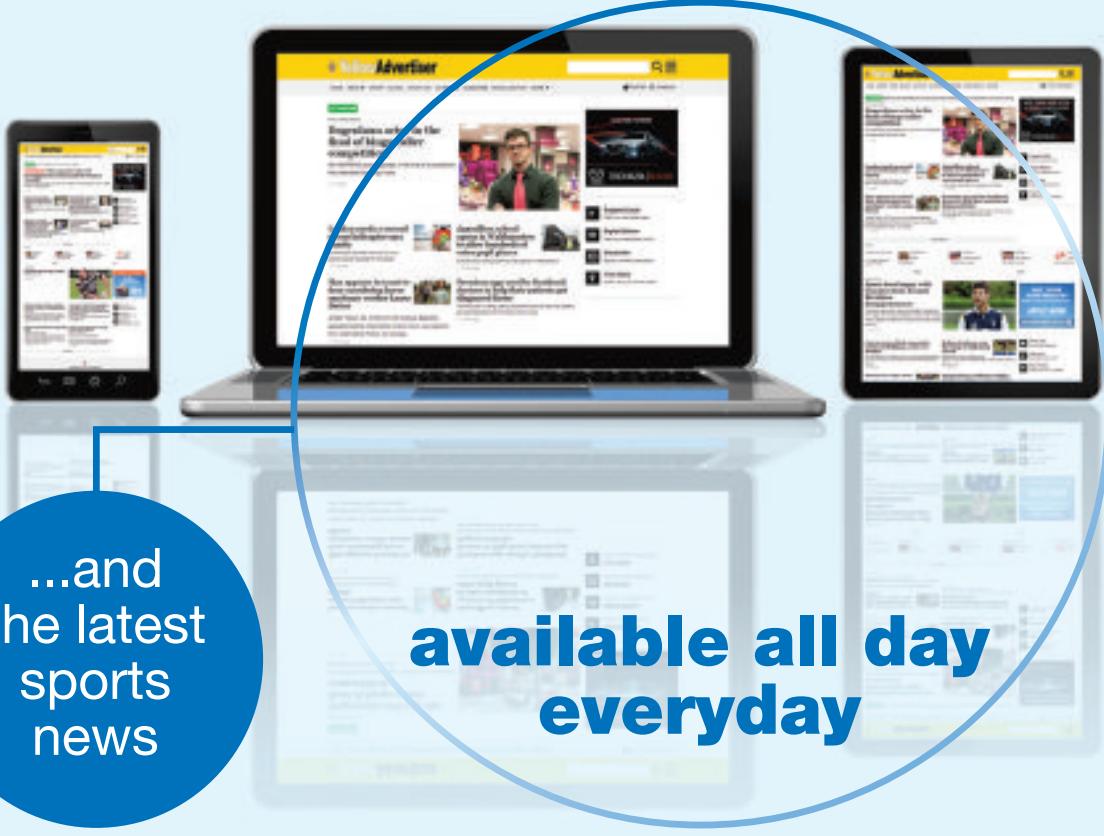
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HAMMERS PULL BACK FOR DRAW

West Ham

Sunderland 2 West Ham United 2
Brian Jeeves reporting from the Stadium of Light

WEST HAM UNITED'S unbeaten Barclays Premier League away run continued after goals from Carl Jenkinson and Dimitri Payet helped the Hammers dramatically claw back a two-goal deficit to grab a point.

Sunderland had endured a torrid start to their campaign. The rock-bottom Black Cats had failed to register a victory in their opening seven league games with manager Dick Advocaat seemingly a man under pressure.

In the build-up to the game the Dutchman was somewhat coy about his immediate future, stating: "What will happen on Sunday or a week on Sunday or nine months after Sunday, then I will tell you the real story, but now I'm still here and nothing has changed."

Less than 24 hours later the club announced his departure with immediate effect.

West Ham arrived in the North East eyeing their fourth successive league victory on the road. But despite their impressive start, boss Slaven Bilic was wary of the Hammers struggling opponents, saying: "This is a more difficult game because now everybody around us is expecting us to win this game. That can put us in a difficult situation where we are too relaxed, or are not aware enough. If that happens, then we are in trouble,

but if we play like we did in the previous away games we have a massive chance to win."

Perhaps with the Black Cats' current plight in mind, a nervousness took hold of those in the stands.

However, after 10 minutes the gloom lifted. Darren Fletcher reacted the quickest to Yann M'Vila's low centre and swept a left foot drive beyond Hammers' goalkeeper Adrian from 12 yards. Seconds later the home side should have doubled their advantage when Fabio Borini fired into the side netting after finding space among the disheveled visitors' rearguard.

Shaky West Ham were clearly rattled by the home side's lightning start and Sunderland seized on their opportunity. Winston Reid was caught out by the quick thinking of M'Vila and Jeremain Lens profited by beating Adrian with an exquisite chip to double the lead.

The Hammers were struggling to find any rhythm. Diafra Sakho flashed high and wide after Aaron Cresswell had delivered. Meanwhile West Ham received a huge let-off when Borini slotted the wrong side of an upright with just Adrian to beat. Minutes later, the Italian front-man went even closer, but again his effort drifted the wrong side of the woodwork.

West Ham desperately needed a foothold and just before the break it arrived through an unlikely source.

Defender Jenkinson ghosted in at the far post to side-foot past Costel Pantilimon after Victor Moses had crafted the opening from the left flank.

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The edginess once again had taken hold of the home fans. Payet sent a dead-ball attempt into the grateful Pantilimon's gloves, while Manuel Lanzini had the Romanian keeper scurrying across his goal as the Hammers started the second period brightly. The home side's plight became more acute when goalscorer Lens received a second yellow card for a lunge on Reid.

West Ham immediately upped the tempo, and on the hour mark drew level. The usually reliable Pantilimon dropped Lanzini's shot and Payet was on hand to fire low into the corner of the net.

The Hammers appeared to be in the ascendancy and were now asking the sterner questions. Substitute Mauro Zarate picked out Sakho, but the Senegalese striker could not direct his effort goalwards, while Nikica Jelavic's late header was wayward after Payet had picked him out.

After the game, Hammers' boss Bilic displayed mixed emotions, stating: "First of all it was a good game again, four goals, chances, everything. It was quality from both sides.

"If you had asked me yesterday if I would be happy with the point, with the greatest respect to Sunderland, I wouldn't take a point before the game. But when you are 2-0 down with them having two chances to score the third one, you've got to be happy with the point, and also it is an away game.

"It's a good run for us. On the other hand I can't be happy with the players. I will defend them all day long all my life, but we can't afford to make those kind of mistakes or sloppy starts."

Bilic continued: "We can talk about a great reaction, great determination, great spirit, great quality in the second half, but it should be from the start. These basic things, I'm nowhere near being OK with that kind of thing."

Despite speculation that Advocaat was taking charge of his last game, the Sunderland chief was in good spirits, saying: "The way we played today was very positive for everybody, there was no player who was not in the game. We showed the commitment which you need in football. It was a joy to watch."

West Ham will look to continue their good form when they visit Selhurst Park to face in-form Crystal Palace on Saturday, October 17, kick-off 3pm.

Sunderland: Costel Pantilimon, Billy Jones, Lee Cattermole, Fabio Borini, John O'Shea (Capt), Jeremain Lens, Ola Toivonen (Sebastien Larsson), Yann M'Vila (Jordi Gomez) Sebastian Coates, DeAndre Yedlin, Steven Fletcher (Jack Rodwell). Subs not used: Vito Mannone, Patrick Van Aanholt, Wes Brown, Jermain Defoe.

West Ham United: Adrian, Winston Reid (James Collins), Aaron Cresswell, James Tomkins, Cheikhou Kouyate, Carl Jenkinson, Diafra Sakho, Mark Noble (Capt) (Mauro Zarate), Victor Moses (Nikica Jelavic), Dimitri Payet, Manuel Lanzini. Subs not used: Darren Randolph, Pedro Obiang, Michail Antonio, Reece Oxford.

Referee: Neil Swarbrick.

Assistants: Scott Ledger and Edward Smart.

Fourth Official: Craig Pawson.

Attendance: 42,932

Non-league round-up

Dockers put on late show

By Brian Jeeves

TILBURY plundered five goals in the final 17 minutes to send Barkingside spinning out of the FA Trophy at Chadfields.

The Dockers found 'Side difficult to break down for much of this Preliminary round tie, but once Harry Cook grabbed a 73rd minute opener the floodgates opened. Daniel Glozier (penalty), Emiel Aiken and a brace from Anthony Martin saw the hosts run out emphatic winners.

Thurrock also made progress seeing off Guernsey 2-0, but there was little to cheer about from the region's other clubs. Redbridge earned a replay following a 1-1 draw at Arlesey Town, but it was a series of defeats elsewhere.

Maldon & Tiptree went down by the odd goal in five at home to Ramsgate, and it was also the end of the Wembley dream for Great Wakering Rovers who crashed 3-0 at Royston Town. It was a miserable day for Aveley who were beaten 4-1 by South Park at Mill Field.

In the National League, Braintree Town returned to winning ways after seeing off Eastleigh 2-0. Kenny Davis opened the scoring for the Iron from the penalty spot, then Michael Cheek ensured the points headed back to Essex. Braintree are sixth in the table, just four points behind leaders Forest Green Rovers.

It was a frustrating afternoon for our National South clubs. Concord Rangers were held to a goalless draw at Eastbourne Borough, while Chelmsford City were thumped 4-0 by Oxford City at the Melbourne Stadium, with all the visitors goals coming after the break.

Tambeson Eyoung scored the only goal as Canvey Island won their Essex derby with Brentwood Town at Park Lane.

Sam Higgins and Ryan Scott scored in each half as East Thurrock United played out an exciting 2-2 draw at Merstham but there were defeats for Billericay Town, 3-2 against Staines Town at New Lodge, and Grays Athletic, who despite a Roman Michael-Percil strike, lost their Friday night game with Kingstonian 3-1.

Essex Senior League leaders Bowers & Pitsea continued to set the pace with a 3-1 win over Barking at the Len Salmon Stadium. Chris Bryan scored twice and Tom Hine added another for unbeaten Bowers.

Burnham Ramblers were also among the goals, thrashing Wadham Lodge 4-1 at Leslie Field. Hullbridge Sports had to settle for a point from their hard fought clash with London Bari, the eventual outcome was a goalless draw.

Several ESL clubs were involved in FA Vase action. Ilford won 3-2 at Woodbridge Town, while Basildon United also made progress, winning by a single goal at Wivenhoe Town. Stephen Solarin grabbed a second half equaliser as Southend Manor and Hadley drew 1-1 at Southchurch Park Arena.

Selected action in the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League Division One saw Reece Conway and Alex Smith hit the target as Basildon Town saw off Toby 2-0, while goal-crazy Runwell Hospital hammered Canning Town 7-1.

Saxons' winning run grinds to a halt as Titans prove too powerful

Rugby

Southend Saxons 19
Taunton Titans 34
By Alan Grace

SOUTHEND Saxons' good start to the season was brought to an abrupt halt on Saturday by National 2 South leaders Taunton Titans.

They were overcome in the second half by their powerful, smart opponents who kept up their five-points a game haul with their fourth try of the game in the final seconds.

Southend started brightly with full-back Iain Meads finishing off a sprightly exchange of passes along the backs after one of the forwards' few successful line-outs.

Brad Burr converted the try for an early 7-0 lead.

Taunton's clever play brought them two penalty kicks in front of the posts bringing the score to 7-6 after 23 minutes.

The penalty count continued to mount denying Southend the little possession they were able to gain, so it was a bit of a surprise when they

were awarded a penalty of their own and were able to win another line-out. Again the ball was moved smartly along the backs to the supporting Meads whose great running line took him through the Taunton defence for his second try.

Burr missed the conversion but the score moved away again to 12-6.

Taunton continued to attack, forcing Southend to defend and to continue to give away penalties but their dogged defence was finally broken when Titans winger Nick May raced down the wing to score. This took the score to 12-11 where it stayed until half-time.

Southend supporters were pleased with the way their new look side were keeping the lead but frustrated with the wasted possession just when the team threatened to add to their score.

The wastefulness was punished in the first 15 minutes of the second half when Taunton ran in a converted try, courtesy of two missed tackles, a penalty and a drop goal moving the score to 12-24.



DOUBLE: Ian Meads scored two tries

Photo by Jon Wagstaff

Southend were shell-shocked but kept to their task managing at last to keep possession and moving into Taunton territory. Burr chipped deli-

cately over the top of the defence for either Chris Vaughan and Sonny Gay to run onto. Vaughan got there first and touched down. Burr's conversion brought Southend back into contention at 19-24.

It was not to last long as almost from the kick-off replacement Lewis Webb broke through several tackles and scored to make it 19-29.

Taunton were now after a bonus point and attacked, forcing Southend into more errors and penalties.

Despite their best efforts they were unable to stop winger Jack Clayton's charge over the line in the last move of the game taking the final score to 19-34 and leaving the Saxons with nothing to show for their afternoon's work.

With close ties to Aviva Premiership side Exeter, Taunton were able to field a number of dual-registered players, so Southend must take that into account when dissecting the game. They will not meet many sides as professional as Taunton this season. They remain in ninth position and are away to Worthing next week.

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